



POPPLE CAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Phillipston/Petersham)

SIZE: Popple Camp WMA is a two parcel area of level river valley surrounded by

moderate to steep slopes totaling 1,284 acres.

U.S.G.S. Quad: Athol

VEGETATION: The area is dominated by mixed hardwood and conifer forest. Most of

the wetlands are wooded swamps with some open marsh. The forest habitat

is interspersed with a few old brushy fields.

WATER: Both sections border and/or contain portions of the East Branch of the

Swift River, and are stocked with trout. The northern section also contains portions of Popple Camp Brook, Bigelow Brook and Shattuck Brook, all of which contain native brook trout populations. Beaver impoundments are

frequently encountered.

WILDLIFE: Grouse, woodcock, deer, coyote, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, turkey,

gray squirrel, aquatic fur-bearers, raccoon and numerous upland and

lowland nongame species. A limited number of pheasant are stocked during

the open season.

SPECIAL

REGULATIONS: Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the

pheasant season.